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SUBJ: 33RD UNGA: U.S. STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES - HUMAN RIGHTS

REFS: (A) STATE 227274; (B) STATE 225331

1. ON SEPT. 8, POLSECTCHIEF REVIEWED ISSUES CONTAINED IN  
REFTELS WITH MFA'S ACTING DIRECTOR OF OFFICE ON UN AFFAIRS  
(NIELS HELSKOV), TAILORING THE MATERIAL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT  
RECENT MINCOUN PETREE CONSULTATIONS. HELSKOV APPEARED FULLY  
FAMILIAR WITH U.S. OBJECTIVES AND OUR POSITIONS ON THE SEV-  
ERAL ISSUES, WHICH HE RECEIVED SYMPATHETICALLY WITHOUT FOR  
THE MOST PART TAKING NOTES.

2. HELSKOV DID, HOWEVER, TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF OUR INTEREST  
IN OBTAINING ENDORSEMENTS OF THE BONN DECLARATION IN UNGA  
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ADDRESSES AND IN SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR THE FRG DRAFT CON-  
VENTION ON HOSTAGES.

3. WHEN WE REACHED "HUMAN RIGHTS", HELSKOV VOLUNTEERED  
THAT A LOCAL SOVIET EMBOFF HAD CALLED ON HIM A FEW DAYS  
AGO, APPARENTLY ON INSTRUCTIONS, TO MAKE A DEMARCHE CON-  
CERNING A "U.S., SWEDISH, SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL

TO INSCRIBE A NEW AGENDA ITEM ON COORDINATION OF DIFFERENT HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMS". THE SOVEMBOFF ARGUED THAT THIS "PROPOSAL" WAS UNACCEPTABLE. THE USSR, FURTHER ARGUING THAT UNGA RES 32/132 ALREADY GAVE HR COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HR COMMISSION AND THAT COORDINATION ON SUCH "PROPOSAL" BELONGED IN THE COMMISSION, NOT THE GA. HELSKOV SAID HE HAD CHECKED WITH HIS COLLEAGUES, ALL OF WHOM WERE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH U.S. PROPOSAL. WE SPECULATED THAT THE USSR MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN WIND OF THE INTENDED US UNGA RES CALLING ON THE SYG TO IMPROVE HR COORDINATION, AND THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE INSPIRED THEIR DEMARCHE. HELSKOV AGREED THAT THE USSR'S CONCERN PROBABLY LAY IN THE AUTHORITY THAT THE U.S. PROPOSED TO VEST IN THE SYG, RATHER THAN WITH THE COMMISSION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT ON ACCURACY OF CONTENTS OF SOVIET DEMARCHE, ESPECIALLY WHETHER U.S. INTENDS SEEK A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM, WHICH WE PROPOSE SHARE WITH MFA.

5. EARLIER ON SEPT. 8, MFA OFFICER CONCERNED WITH PEACE-KEEPING (JAEGER) CALLED TO REPORT ON DANISH EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN UNTAG FINANCING. JAEGER SAID THAT DURING BELOKHVOSTIKOV VISIT (COPENHAGEN 5464) DANES TWICE RAISED WITH THEIR SOVIET VISITOR THE SUGGESTION THAT USSR RECONSIDER ITS OPPOSITION TO PARTICIPATION IN FINANCING UNTAG. IN EACH CASE BELOKHVOSTIKOV RESPONDED THAT SOVIET POSITION WAS UNCHANGEABLE.  
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6. DANISH DELEGATION TO UNGA DURING WEEK OF SEPT 24-30 WILL INCLUDE FROM COPENHAGEN FONMIN CHRISTOPHERSEN AND HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY (SEPT 25-29), MIN W/O PORTFOLIO LISE OSTERGAARD (SEPT 27-30), MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN (SEPT 25-29), POLITICAL DIRECTOR AMB. OLE BIERRING AND ACTING UN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR NIELS HELSKOV (BOTH SEPT 24-30).

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